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Serial No.: 10/787,276) Art Unit: 2813
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For: "SELF-MASKING DEFECT) Date: April 6, 2006
REMOVING METHOD")
Re: *Amendment and response*

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the non-final Office Action mailed on January 06, 2006, a response to which is initially to be filed no later than

April 6, 2006.

Please amend the above-identified application as described below and consider the following remarks. All remarks and amendments herein are made without prejudice.

Amendments to the Claims are listed beginnings on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.